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## 5 MPH Vessel Speed Limit For Folsom Lake Due to Low Water Conditions

**FOLSOM** – Today, State Park officials at Folsom Lake State Recreation Area announced the implementation of a 5 miles per hour speed limit for all vessels throughout the entire lake due to public safety concerns regarding low water levels and associated hazards.

The 5 mph speed limit is necessary because the low water level has brought rocks on the lake bed closer to the surface, placing boats in danger of being damaged in some of the more shallow areas.

“This is standard operating procedure when the lake level drops below 400 feet,” stated Folsom Lake Superintendent Ted Jackson. “Given the current water level and the potential for the lake level to drop even further, our maintenance folks are extremely challenged in their ability to mark all of the emerging hazards.”

In addition to the 5 mph speed restriction, the low water levels mean that four of the five boat ramps at the lake are dry and cannot be used. Boaters can expect delays as the demand will be carried by the only remaining ramp, which is located at Browns Ravine on the El Dorado County side of the lake.

The lake’s other launch ramps located at Granite Bay, Folsom Point, Rattlesnake Bar, and Peninsula are out of the water and closed to boat launching. The low water ramp at Granite Bay becomes available for use at 396 feet and likely will be available in a week or so.

“We just want to make sure everyone is aware of the lake’s limitations at this time of year and urge people to exercise extreme caution and patience both for the safety of visitors and the safety of their watercraft,” said Jackson.

The day use picnic areas at Folsom Lake all remain open however visitors should be aware that it can be a long walk to the waters edge.

Folsom Lake State Recreation Area office is at 7755 Folsom-Auburn Road in Folsom.  
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